

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR FARE POLICY FOR CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines and other Airlines charge fare for infants, even for 1-day old baby;
- (b) if so, the justification to charge fare for infants;
- (c) the air fare structure for children;
- (d) the difficulties of the Airlines to allow similar type of concession for children upto 5 years and upto 11 years as is given by the Railways;
- (e) whether the Ministry proposes to view air fare policy for infants and children; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) :- Yes sir.

(b):- Airlines charge fare for infants as they are provided special facilities and as the airlines undertake all the liabilities and provide indemnities of carriage.

(c), (d), (e) & (f):-The Indian Airlines/ Air India air fare structure for children for domestic travel is as follows:-

Infant : Under 2 years - 10% of the applicable adult fare in all classes.

Child : 2 to 12 years - 50% of the applicable adult fare in all classes.

Government does not regulate the domestic airfare after repeal of Air Corporation Act, 1953. Infant and child fare limitations are decided by International Air Transport Association (IATA) a international body where all the airlines participate.